

SAFETY ON THE LINE

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“Avoid argument, whenever a negative attitude is expressed, counter with a positive and optimistic opinion”

-Norman Vincent Peale

Who to call?

Most of us know that in an emergency, we should call 911. However, calling that number from a cellular phone on KSC will get you in touch with the Brevard County Emergency services!

At the Kennedy Space Center, the emergency phone number is

861 or 867-7911.

This number will provide you a direct link to our emergency fire and rescue personnel who can respond quickest to your needs.

Call Bill Wilson at 867-2878 for more information.

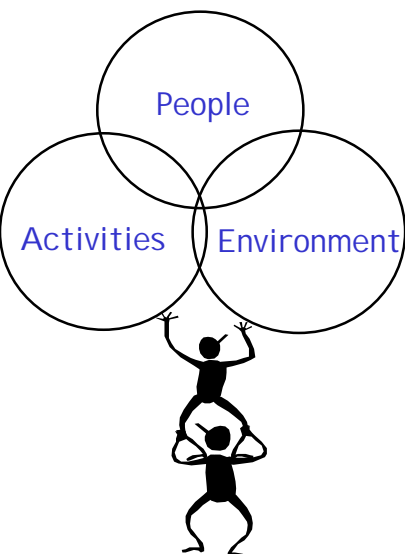


The lowdown on slips and falls at the office.

A fall occurs when you lose your balance and your footing. In short, your center of gravity is displaced and there's nowhere to go but down. You may be thrown off balance by a slip (on a wet floor, for example) or a trip (over an obstacle in your path), but once you lose your footing and support, a fall is inevitable. Here are some fall prevention measures you can use at work to reduce your chance of becoming a statistic.

Report loose carpeting or damaged flooring to the BOC trouble desk at 867-3131.

- Make sure your pathway is clear
- Close drawers after every use
- Clean up spills immediately
- Walk, don't run!



What is Human Factors?

Human Factors is the study of people in relation to their work activities and work environments. All humans have physical and mental capabilities and limitations that need to be taken into consideration when they perform tasks, especially in complex systems like those at the Center. In order to operate safely at KSC, we need to recognize that humans are part of our work processes and decisions and actions made at all levels (from the shop floor all the way up to the HQ 4th floor!) affect safety. In this respect, human factors principles tie in with our new KSC safety culture. More in next issue.

Call the NASA Human Factors Integration office at 867-3311 for more information.



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